



THE ASSAM GAZETTE

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ASSAM STATE ELECTION COMMISSION

NOTIFICATION

The 20th March, 2020

No. SEC.146/2019/117.- Whereas Assam State Election Commission notified the schedule of General Election to the Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC), 2020, vide notification No. SEC. 146/2019/92 dated 11th March, 2020 as the term of the General Council of BTC is to expire on 27th April, 2020;

Whereas Government of India as well as Government of Assam have issued several advisories relating to COVID-19 pandemic thereafter, and these measures are being progressively strengthened and amplified;

Whereas several Political Parties, Organizations, Member of Parliament and Citizens have submitted memorandum/ request to Assam State Election Commission to defer the BTC Election, 2020 in view of increasing spread and threat of COVID-19 pandemic;

And whereas the Government of Assam vide letter DO No. CS/BTC(ELE)/2020/01 dated 20.03.2020, brought to the notice of the Commission the requirement of putting restrictions on movement of people, mass gathering and maintaining social distancing in order to prevent spread of COVID-19. Further, the Government has requested the Commission to consider postponing the BTC Election scheduled to be held on 4th April, 2020, as the restrictions imposed in the State including BTAD areas will affect conduct of free and fair BTC Election;

Having considered the above, the Assam State Election Commission hereby defers the remaining phases of BTC Election, 2020 after 21st March, 2020 i.e. after finalization of list of contesting candidates in each Constituency of BTC.

A new schedule will be notified for poll, re-poll (if any), and counting while giving adequate time for campaigning. However, Model Code of Conduct will continue to be in force for the time being and will be reviewed at the time of issue of notification of remaining phases of election as stated above.

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